

(Washington, DC)— Today Congresswoman Gwen Moore announced that the Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) has been selected to receive nearly \$148,181 in grants from the U.S. Department of Education's Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) Program. The program makes it easier for low-income parents to participate in postsecondary education by providing funding for campus-based child care services.

"I was a single parent when I started my undergraduate education at Marquette University, so I understand firsthand that it takes a lot of support to make it work," said Congresswoman Moore. "This grant will allow MATC's childcare centers to serve the children of an additional 50 low-income students, enabling them to continue their education and increase their chances to attain a successful, family-supporting career."

According to its proposal to the Department of Education, which was supported by Congresswoman Moore, MATC will use the grant to ensure that Pell-qualified students are made aware of the college's childcare program, and also to address the needs of low-income student families by providing childcare on a sliding-fee scale. Finally, the grant will be used to support student coaching in subjects such as parenting skills; individualized curriculum programming; nutrition; language and communications skills, particularly for bilingual families; and referrals to other support agencies.

MATC offers quality, reliable care to children of MATC students and the community. The childcare centers, which are licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, meet or exceed the state requirements for teacher-to-student ratio. The centers are also accredited by the prestigious National Academy of Early Childhood Programs, which assures a high-quality childcare program in a safe and nurturing environment. Childcare is available at all four campuses for children ages six weeks through 12 years, from early morning through late afternoon.

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